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THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF THE

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

OF THE

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD, MASS.

NEW BEDFORD:
MERCURY PUBLISHING CO., CITY PRINTERS.
1887.

OFFICERS OF THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

FOR THE YEAR 1887.

TRUSTEES.

Ex-officio. Terms expire January, 1888.

MORGAN ROTCH, Mayor of the City.
WILLIAM A. CHURCH, President of the Common Council.
WENDELL H. COBB, Chairman of the Committee of the City Council on Public Instruction.

Elected by the City Council.

GEORGE H. DUNBAR,	Term expires April, 1887.
GEORGE HOWLAND, JR.,	Term expires April, 1887.
ISAAC B. TOMPKINS,	Term expires April, 1888.
MATTHEW C. JULIEN,	Term expires April, 1888.
ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, JR.,	Term expires April, 1889.
LEONARD B. ELLIS,	Term expires April, 1889.

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD.

THE MAYOR.

CLERK.

GEORGE H. DUNBAR.

COMMITTEES.

On the Library—The Mayor, George Howland, Jr., Cobb and Julien.
On the Building—Messrs. Church, Tompkins and Ellis.
On Binding and Blanks—Messrs. A. H. Howland, Jr., and Dunbar.

SUPERINTENDENT OF THE LIBRARY.

GEORGE H. DUNBAR.

LIBRARIAN.

ROBERT C. INGRAHAM.

ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN.

WILLIAM L. R. GIFFORD.

ASSISTANTS.

JOSEPHINE A. MERRICK, MARY E. BROWN,
SUSIE H. GAMMONS.

JANITOR.

YORICK W. AMES.

REPORT.

To the City Council of the City of New Bedford:

GENTLEMEN: The trustees of the Free Public Library submit the following report for the past year. The number of book deliveries, stated below, indicates that the public use of the library has been in some measure interfered with by the important changes which have been made during the year. The occupation of the new building involved the necessity of closing the library from June 22d to September 6th, as also for brief periods at other times. An effort was made to reduce the amount of interruption to the narrowest limits possible. But the work of construction and of moving of course prevented access to books for the times stated. We believe, however, that the beauty and convenience of the new building will more than repay the reading public for the temporary interruption, not only because of present advantages, but also for the opportunity which it offers for the increased future usefulness of the library.

During the year the books of fiction have been rearranged and the numbers changed, so that this demand may be more readily and conveniently met. A new system of general book delivery has also been adopted which it is believed will remedy many of the practical difficulties which have formerly existed. In future the dates of the delivery and of the return of a book will be stamped upon the card of the holder. It will be seen, therefore, that

it is important for readers to preserve these cards with care in order to prevent annoyance to themselves as well as to those in charge of the library. By this new system opportunity is given to furnish far more accurate tables of the statistics of the library than heretofore.

A new catalogue of fiction is now in course of publication, the advantages of which many readers will readily appreciate.

We again feel the necessity, for the sake of the thoughtless portion of the public who make use of this library, to emphasise the importance of care in the use of the books. The disfiguring of publications by marginal notes, and marks of any kind, as well as by their careless treatment, must be seen by any thoughtful person to be a misuse of a public trust.

STATISTICS 1886.

The new room was completed and opened to the public September 6th. The new registration began on the 20th. To the present time, January 1, 1887, sixteen hundred and twelve cards have been issued and four thousand four hundred and sixty-five volumes delivered. In this number of volumes no fiction is included, as the books in this department were not ready for delivery.

Prior to June 22d, eighteen thousand six hundred and sixty volumes were delivered for home use. Owing to the noise and confusion attending the work on the building there was a falling off in the number of visitors to the reading room. Many books had to be moved from their former position, and these with the new books which, for want of shelf room, were not located, became in a measure excluded from circulation. Consequently there is a marked decrease in the number of volumes delivered as compared with the number delivered during the same time in 1885.

Although the work had to be carried on under unfavorable conditions, it was thought best to keep the books in circulation until we were absolutely obliged to close, especially as the schools were in session and the books were wanted by the teachers and pupils in their school work.

Two thousand one hundred and thirty-five volumes have been added, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-one by purchase, and by gift, three hundred and fourteen volumes and three hundred and ninety-one pamphlets.

Number of newspapers on the table, thirteen; number of periodicals received, one hundred and eighty-five; number of volumes worn out and rejected, two hundred and thirty-eight; number of volumes bound, one hundred and forty-one; number of volumes rebound, two hundred and eighty-three. For books overdue, two hundred and seventy-two postals have been sent out. The whole number of books in the library at present is above fifty thousand, of which less than six per cent. are works of fiction.

GIFTS AND EXCHANGES.

In the appendix will be found a list of the gifts. Special mention should be made of a gift of the Vanderbilt House and Collection from Mr. George O. Crocker. Also of the gift, from the society, of the third volume of the Proceedings and Transactions of the Royal Society of Canada.

The serials that we have heretofore received from the American Antiquarian Society, the American Philosophical Society, Harvard College Library, the Boston Public Library, Mr. William H. Farrington and Mr. Gideon Nye, have been continued.

Mr. Thomas W. Cook has supplied us with Massachusetts Documents. Dr. Samuel A. Green and Mr. George E. Littlefield have added to our collection of local history.

Mrs. Susan Taber Thompson and the heirs of William C. Taber have given us collections of books, including publications of the Society of Friends and New Bedford pamphlets.

From the city of Boston we have received the publications of the record commissioners. Two hundred and twenty-six duplicate volumes of United States Documents have been sent to Washington, and others, helping to complete our set of the same, received in return. By another exchange nineteen volumes have been added.

APPENDIX.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT CONCERNING THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR 1886.

STATEMENT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

1886.			
Jan. 1.	Cash on hand,	$282.07	
	Amt. of Arber's bill,	40.00	
	Catalogues and Bulletins,	2.15	
	Fines,	186.36	$510.58
	Paid for books,	$36.56	
	Expressage, freight, jobbing,	28.50	
	Stationery,	35.29	
	P. O. box, and postage,	22.33	
	Binding and paper cutting,	8.35	
	Incidentals,	76.75	
	Insurance,	237.51	
1887, Jan. 1.	Balance in hands of librarian,	65.29	$510.58

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY ACCOUNT.

1886, Jan. 1.	Bills approved January,	$366.81	
	February,	391.68	
	March,	405.31	
	April,	395.56	
	May,	367.81	
	June,	410.96	
	July,	364.56	
	August,	364.56	
	September,	439.06	
	October,	469.71	
	November,	402.75	
	December,	408.34	
		$4,787.11	
Balance transferred,		212.89	$5,000.00
1886, Jan. 1.	Annual appropriation,		$5,000.00

TRUST FUND ACCOUNT.

1886.			
Jan. 1.	Sylvia Ann Howland fund,	$11,807.21	
	George Howland, Jr., fund,	214.53	
	Charles W. Morgan fund,	361.17	
	Oliver Crocker fund,	222.90	
	James B. Congdon fund,	241.02	
	Dog fund,	310.22	$13,157.05

SYLVIA ANN HOWLAND FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND.

1886.			
Jan. 1.	Unexpended balance of income,	$11,807.21	
July 1.	Six months' interest,	1,500.00	
Dec. 31.	Six months' interest,	1,500.00	
	Amount returned,	4.36	$14,811.57

Bills approved for books, periodicals, and binding, viz.:

January audit,	$380.25	
February,	530.56	
March,	356.09	
April,	285.11	
May,	359.78	
June,	176.81	
July,	291.68	
August,		
September,	285.27	
October,	187.47	
November,	464.62	
December,	536.93	$3,854.57

The detailed statement of the expenditures from the income of this fund is as follows:

Academy of Natural Sciences,	$5.00
Allyn, John,	113.59
American Chemical Journal,	3.00
American Journal of Philology,	3.00
Appleton, D. & Co.,	64.80
Arber, Edward,	60.00
Baptist Review Association,	2.50
Bouton, J. W., Agent,	14.40
Bowen, George, Agent,	5.50
Bowker, R. R.,	3.00
Carter, Rice & Co.,	16.50

Cassino, S. E. & Co.,	$6.00
Clarke, Robert & Co.,	7.75
Coöperative Newspaper Society,	3.65
Cupples, Upham & Co.,	4.00
Dawson, H. B.,	6.00
Dews, Edwin,	261.10
Dufossé, E.,	104.00
Ellis, George H.,	2.00
Essex Institute,	3.00
Estes & Lauriat,	5.00
Fleischer, Carl F.,	9.70
Fords, Howard & Hulbert,	12.50
Francis, David G.,	65.80
Ginn & Co.,	3.00
Griswold, W. M. (Q. P., Index,)	5.50
Harper, F. P.,	11.34
Harvard Monthly,	4.00
Hathaway, J. H., Treasurer,	130.60
Hickox, J. H.,	2.00
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,	7.00
Howland, Franklyn,	9.00
Hutchinson, S.,	577.10
Inman, H. S., Agent,	60.00
Johns Hopkins University,	9.40
Kane, D. J. & Bro.,	63.10
Lawton, J. M., Jr.,	528.09
Lea, J. Henry,	1.97
Lewis, J. W. & Co.,	16.00
Library Bureau,	3.50
Little, Brown & Co.,	569.71
Littlefield, Geo. E.,	163.59
Luzerne Legal Register,	7.75
McDonough, Joseph,	14.00
Maine Historical and Genealogical Recorder,	3.00
Mass. Historical Society,	5.50
Mercury Publishing Co.,	6.00
Morgan, H. J.,	2.50
Morse, Geo. D.,	21.30
Munsell's Sons,	30.11
Narragansett Historical Publishing Co.,	2.00
Nash & Pierce,	34.02
Newport Historical Publishing Co.,	2.00
Noyes, Henry D. & Co.,	22.05
Osgood, E. L., Manager,	13.50
Parsons, John D., Jr.,	18.00

Polk, R. L. & Co.,	$5.00	
Rau, J. W., Agent,	6.00	
Raymond, E. P.,	3.00	
Roffe, A. H. & Co.,	203.30	
Sampson, Murdock & Co.,	14.00	
Schoenhof, Carl,	202.32	
Scribner's Sons,	5.00	
Scribner & Welford,	2.31	
Stockbridge, J. C.,	5.75	
Thompson, W. H. & Co.,	36.00	
Treat, E. B.,	25.00	
U. S. Patent Office,	46.80	
Weigel, T. O.,	48.72	
Wilson, E. L.,	12.00	
Woodward, C. L.,	103.15	
Zahm, S. H. & Co.,	7.80	$3,854.57

GEORGE HOWLAND, JR., FUND.

1886.			
Jan. 1.	Unexpended balance of income,	$214.53	
	One year's interest,	96.00	$310.53

CHARLES W. MORGAN FUND.

1886.			
Jan. 1.	Unexpended balance of income,	$361.17	
	One year's interest,	60.00	$421.17

OLIVER CROCKER FUND.

1886.			
Jan. 1.	Unexpended balance of income,	$222.90	
	One year's interest,	60.00	
		$282.90	
	George W. Tryon, Jr's bill,	40.00	$242.90

JAMES B. CONGDON FUND.

1886.			
Jan. 1.	Unexpended balance of income,	$241.02	
	One year's interest,	30.00	
		$271.02	
	Little, Brown & Co's bill,	10.65	$260.37

DOG FUND.

1886.			
Jan.	Unexpended balance,	$310.22	
Feb.	Received from county treasurer,	782.52	
		$1,092.74	
	Paid Yorick W. Ames,	490.00	$602.74

Total unexpended balance in the control of the Board of Trustees:

1887, Jan. 1.	Sylvia Ann Howland fund,	$10,957.00	
	George Howland, Jr., fund,	310.53	
	Charles W. Morgan fund,	421.17	
	Oliver Crocker fund,	242.90	
	James B. Congdon fund,	260.37	
	Dog fund,	602.74	$12,794.71

GEORGE H. DUNBAR,
Secretary.

GIFTS, 1886.

	Volumes.	Pamphlets.
Akin, Eben, Jr., Fairhaven, Mass.,		1
American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Mass.,		104
American Philosophical Society, Phil.,	1	2
Baker, Walter, & Co., 158 State street, Boston, Mass.,	1	
Battell, Robbins and Miss Anna, Norfolk, Conn.,	1	
Bell, W. S., Chicago, Illinois,		1
Bostonian Society, Boston, Mass.,		1
Boston Municipal Government. Record Commissioners,	2	
Boston Public Library, Boston,		3
Bowditch, Wm. I., Boston,		1
Bradlee, Rev. C. D., Boston, Mass.,		4
Brookline Public Library, Brookline, Mass.,		1
Brooklyn Library, Brooklyn, N. Y.,	1	1
Brown, Mary E., City,		1
Brownell, T. Frank, New York City,		1
Buckminster, Joseph,	2	7
Buffalo Library, Buffalo, N. Y.,		1
Butler Hospital for the Insane, Providence, R. I.,		1
Butler, Rev. James, City,	3	2
Caccia, Susan Rodman, Florence, Italy,		1
Cannon, H. W., Washington, D. C.,	1	
Carney, Wm. H., City,	1	
Chase, Fredk., Hanover, N. H.,		1
Cincinnati Public Library, Cincinnati, Ohio,	2	10
City Library Association, Springfield, Mass.,		1
Clarke, Robert & Co., Cincinnati, Ohio,	1	
Commonwealth of Mass., Sec. of Com., Boston,	20	1
Commonwealth of Mass., State Library, Boston,		1
Cook, Thomas W., City,	11	24
Cox, Wm. R., Washington,		1
Crapo, Wm. W., City,	5	
Crocker, Geo. O., City,	4	
Cutter, Abram E., Charlestown, Mass.,		1
Davenport Academy of Natural Sciences, Davenport, Iowa,		2
Dexter, Frank B., New Haven, Conn.,	2	3

	Volumes.	Pamphlets.
Dunbar, Geo. H., ... 1 MS.	5	3
Eclectic Medical College, New York, N. Y., ...		1
Eddy, Abram T., City, ...	1	
Emery, Wm. M., Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Me.,	1	
Essex Institute, Salem, Mass., ...		1
Evans, Fredk. W., Hancock, Mass., ...	3	
Farrington, Wm. H., Murray street, N. Y., ...		13
Fessenden, C. B. H., City, . . 39 Stereoscopic Views	1	3
Fletcher Free Library, Burlington, Vt., ...		1
Forbes, Robert B., Boston, Mass., ...	1	2
Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, Pa., ...		1
Friends Free Library, Germantown, Pa., ...		1
General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen, New York City, ...		1
Georgia Historical Society, Savannah, Ga., ...		1
Gibson, A. M., New York City, ...	1	
Green, Dr. Samuel A., Boston, Mass., ...	3	22
Hamilton, M. R., State Librarian, Newark, N. J., . .	1	
Hammond, Rev. Wm. B., Rome, N. Y., ...	1	
Harrower, Henry D., New York City, ...		1
Hartford Library Association, Hartford, Conn., . . .		3
Harvard College, Cambridge, Mass., ...	2	3
Hazen, Rev. Henry A., Congregational House, Boston,	1	
Heirs of Wm. C. Taber, City, ...	103	
Hill, Miss L. A., Belmont, Mass., ...		2
Howland, George, Jr., City, ...	1	1
Jones, Augustine, Providence, R. I., ...		1
Knowlton, Hosea M., City, ...		1
Lancaster Library Committee, Lancaster, Mass., . . .		1
Lawton, Jas. M., Jr., City, ...	1	
Lee, Leslie A., Brunswick, Me., ...		2
Library Company, Philadelphia, Pa., ...		2
Little, Geo. T., Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Me., . .	1	1
Littlefield, Geo. E., 67 Cornhill, Boston, ...		16
Lynn Public Library, Lynn, Mass., ...		1
McDonnell Bros., Chicago, Illinois, ...		2
Maimonides Library, New York, ...		2
Mercantile Library, New York City, ...		3
Mercantile Library Company, Philadelphia, Pa., . .		1
Merrill, Edw. B., 56 Wall street, New York, ...		5
Middlesex Mechanics Association, Lowell, Mass., . .		1
New Bedford City Government, ...	2	
New England Hist. Gen. Society, Boston, Mass., . .		1
New Jersey State Government, Trenton, N. J., . . .	1	

	Volumes.	Pamphlets.
Newport Historical Soc., Newport, R. I.,		1
Newton Free Library, Newton, Mass.,		1
New York Free Circulating Library, New York City,		1
Northampton Lunatic Hospital, Northampton, Mass.,		1
Nye, Gideon, Jr., Canton, China,	2	1
Ohio State Government, Columbus, Ohio,	2	
Omaha Public Library, Omaha, Neb.,		1
Peabody Institute, Baltimore,		
Peabody Institute, Peabody, Mass.,		1
Perkins Institution for the Blind, Boston, Mass.,		1
Philadelphia Apprentices lib. comp. Philadelphia, Pa.,		1
Providence Public Library, Providence, R. I.,		1
Provident Life and Trust Comp., Philadelphia, Penn.,	1	
Public Library, Chelsea, Mass.,		1
Public Library, Chicago, Illinois,		1
Publishers of the Advocate of Peace,	1	
Publishers of the American Lithographer and Printer.	1	
Publishers of the Folio,	1	
Publishers of the Manifesto,	1	
Publishers of the Signs of the Times,	1	
Redwood Library and Athenæum, Newport, R. I.,		
Regents of Smithsonian Institution, Washington,	1	
Richards, Ellen H., Boston,	1	
Rodman, Edmund, City,		1
Rodman, Thos. R., City,		1
Rogers, Henry H., Manufacturing Co., New York,	1	
Royal Society of Canada, Montreal, Canada,	1	
St. Louis Public Library, St. Louis, Mo.,		1
San Francisco Mercantile Library Association, San Francisco, Cal.,		1
Sauveur, L., Oswego, N. Y.,		1
Smiley, Rebecca, City,	1	
Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C.,	1	
Snow, Rev. Chas. A., Taunton, Mass.,		1
Sullings and Kingman, City,		1
Swansea Public Library, Swansea, Wales,		2
Taunton Public Library, Taunton, Mass.,		1
Thompson, Susan T., City,	1	61
Thomson, John H.,		2
Tillinghast, Wm. H., Cambridge, Mass.,		1
Topham, Wm. B.,		4
Tripp, Sarah W.,	1	
United States:		
— Bureau of Education,	2	3

	Volumes.	Pamphlets.
— Department of Interior,	94	4
— Engineer Department,	1	
— Patent Office,	3	3
— Treasury Department,	3	
— War Department, ... 14 Charts	5	
United States Civil Service Commission, Washington,		1
University of Vt. and State Agricultural College, Burlington, Vt.,	1	
Upton, Winslow, Providence, R. I.,		1
Utica City Library, Utica, N. Y.,		1
Warren, Gen. Lucius H., Philadelphia, Pa.,	1	
Watertown Free Public Library, Watertown, Mass.,		1
Willey, Henry, City,	1	4
Williams, J. Fletcher, St. Paul, Minnesota,		2
Williamson & Co., Toronto, Canada,	1	
Wilmington Institute, Wilmington, Del.,		1
Wilson, Edw. L., New York City,	1	
Woburn Public Library, Woburn, Mass.,		1
Worcester Free Public Library, Worcester, Mass.,		1
Worth, Benj., City,		2
Wright, Carroll D., Boston, Mass.,	2	